
**Thomas Jefferson to James Monroe, January 25,
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Monticello Jan. 25.11.

Dear Sir

I am just on the wing to Bedford to which place my affairs call me suddenly. I have therefore only time to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 21st and to congratulate you on your election to the chair of the state by so honorable a vote. I rejoice too that you have accepted it; for altho' it is not a field on which much genius can be displayed, yet it is a prominent one. But the great thing is that it is the Virginia legislature bearing testimony to the fidelity of your principles before the Republicans of the union generally. Those near you & who knew you could never doubt, and if those at a distance were under any alarm, this removes it, and places you on your ancient ground which was high. I am sure you will now retain it, & therefore I have only to wish you an easy administration and add the assurances of my constant & affectionate esteem

Th. Jefferson

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